

Growth Management Population Projection Tracking Report

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In January 2002 the Office of Financial Management (OFM) released a new series of county population projections for the Growth Management Act (GMA). This projection series started with the Census 2000 tabulations as a base and used actual growth trends through the 1990s and prior historical periods to develop county growth expectations.

This tracking report shows how annual county population estimates for 2001 through 2005 line up with the 2005 GMA projections. Since the series only produced growth expectation by five-year intervals, annual population change through 2010 for this report was developed by linear interpolation.

The following table shows OFM's April 1, 2005 population estimate for each county compared to the intermediate GMA population projection. The general findings are summarized below.

- Twenty-five percent of the counties are tracking closely, within 1.5 percent, of their intermediate projection. This includes large counties like Clark, King, Spokane and Whatcom—and small counties like Lincoln, San Juan, and Wahkiakum.
- All but one county, Franklin County, is tracking within the projection range.
- Fifty-four percent of the counties in 2005 are tracking below their intermediate projection series compared to seventy percent in 2003. This largely reflects higher migration gains due to Washington's improved economy.

The graphs that follow show the specific tracking status for each county. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Lowe at 360.902.0588.

This tracking document is also on the OFM web page at:

<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/index.htm#growth>

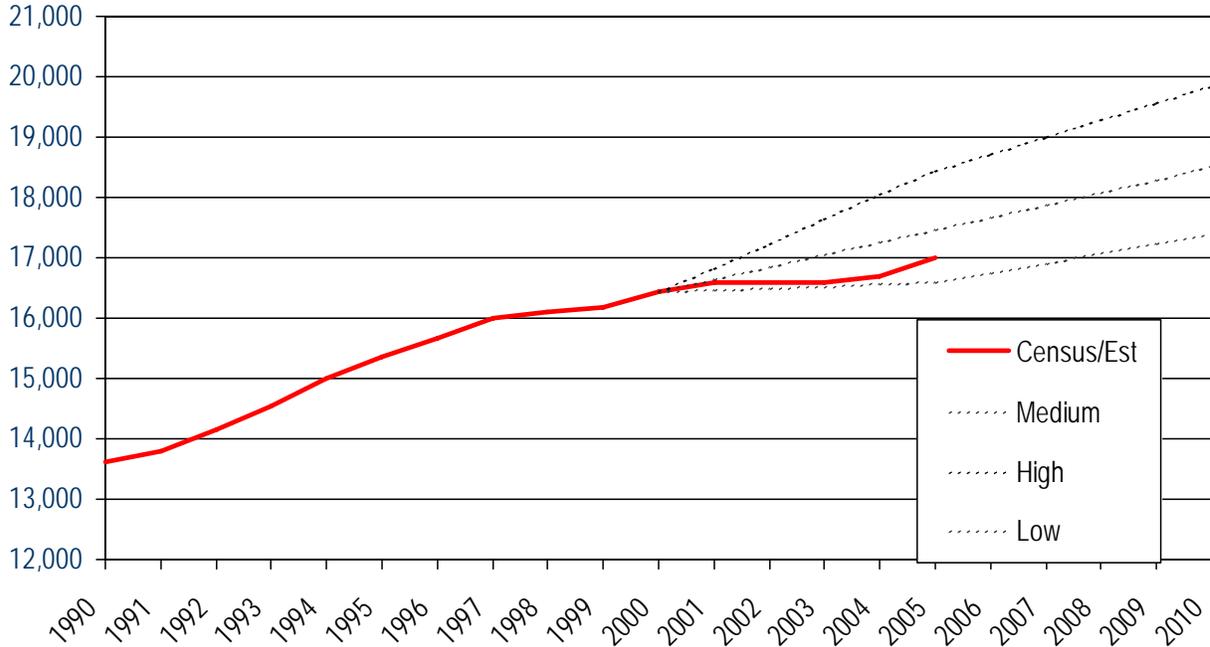
Comparison of Office of Financial Management Growth Management Population Projections with 2005 Population Estimates

GMA Projections

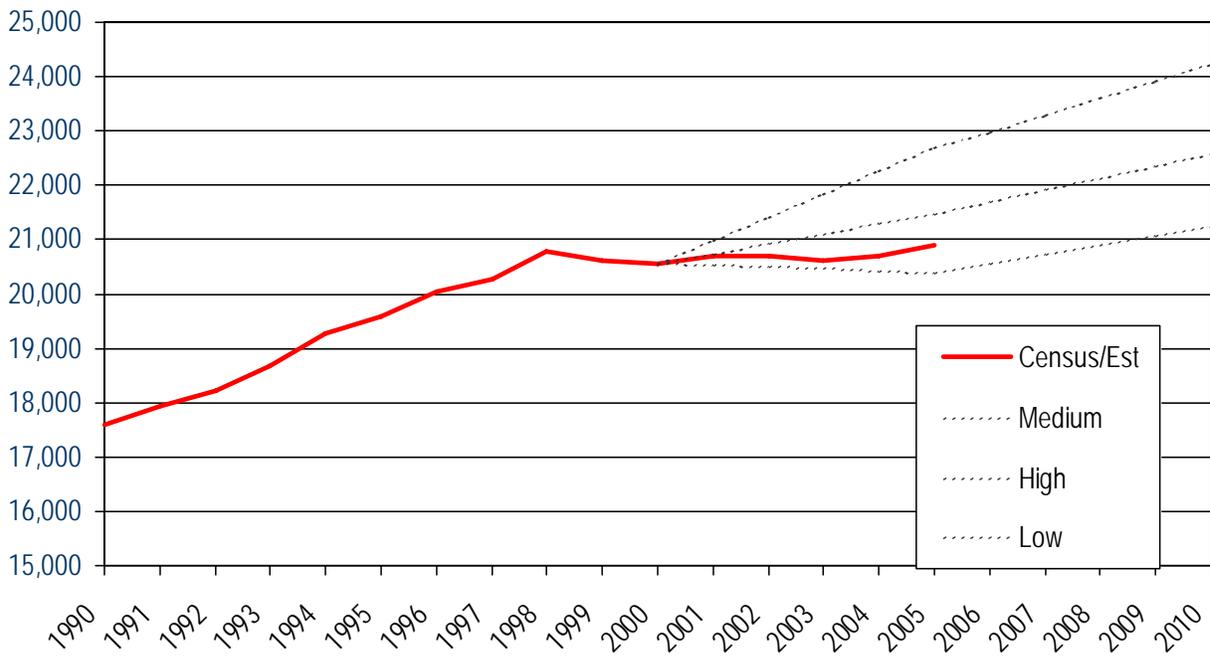
	Estimate	Low	Medium	High	Diff. from Medium Projection	
	2005	2005	2005	2005	Number	Percent
Washington	6,256,400	5,935,479	6,233,345	6,621,080	23,055	0.37
Adams	17,000	16,585	17,458	18,444	-458	-2.62
Asotin	20,900	20,393	21,466	22,679	-566	-2.64
Benton	158,100	143,052	151,522	164,553	6,578	4.34
Chelan	69,200	67,913	71,169	74,443	-1,969	-2.77
Clallam	66,800	61,442	64,969	68,333	1,831	2.82
Clark	391,500	370,136	391,264	413,273	236	0.06
Columbia	4,100	3,647	3,914	4,217	186	4.75
Cowlitz	95,900	93,344	98,764	108,369	-2,864	-2.90
Douglas	34,700	33,900	36,257	38,877	-1,557	-4.29
Ferry	7,400	7,260	7,901	8,731	-501	-6.34
Franklin	60,500	49,878	52,642	55,919	7,858	14.93
Garfield	2,400	2,256	2,436	2,629	-36	-1.48
Grant	79,100	77,762	82,397	87,238	-3,297	-4.00
Grays Harbor	69,800	62,916	66,490	70,064	3,310	4.98
Island	76,000	69,693	74,738	79,783	1,262	1.69
Jefferson	27,600	26,421	28,308	30,195	-708	-2.50
King	1,808,300	1,721,585	1,786,803	1,851,128	21,497	1.20
Kitsap	240,400	219,855	236,403	277,242	3,997	1.69
Kittitas	36,600	32,341	34,314	36,759	2,286	6.66
Klickitat	19,500	19,067	20,338	21,863	-838	-4.12
Lewis	71,600	67,621	73,005	79,794	-1,405	-1.92
Lincoln	10,100	9,512	10,095	11,054	5	0.05
Mason	51,900	50,158	53,789	58,899	-1,889	-3.51
Okanogan	39,600	39,219	41,458	43,904	-1,858	-4.48
Pacific	21,300	19,930	20,957	22,424	343	1.64
Pend Oreille	12,200	11,868	12,679	13,554	-479	-3.78
Pierce	755,900	711,204	740,838	791,400	15,062	2.03
San Juan	15,500	14,532	15,480	16,521	20	0.13
Skagit	110,900	106,914	113,136	121,451	-2,236	-1.98
Skamania	10,300	9,789	10,483	11,429	-183	-1.75
Snohomish	655,800	634,232	666,735	699,238	-10,935	-1.64
Spokane	436,300	419,566	441,068	469,958	-4,768	-1.08
Stevens	41,200	39,758	42,105	47,158	-905	-2.15
Thurston	224,100	219,132	234,053	255,703	-9,953	-4.25
Wahkiakum	3,900	3,656	3,906	4,156	-6	-0.15
Walla Walla	57,500	54,027	57,475	61,872	25	0.04
Whatcom	180,800	171,665	180,463	194,449	337	0.19
Whitman	42,400	38,119	40,445	45,966	1,955	4.83
Yakima	229,300	215,131	225,622	237,411	3,678	1.63

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Adams County

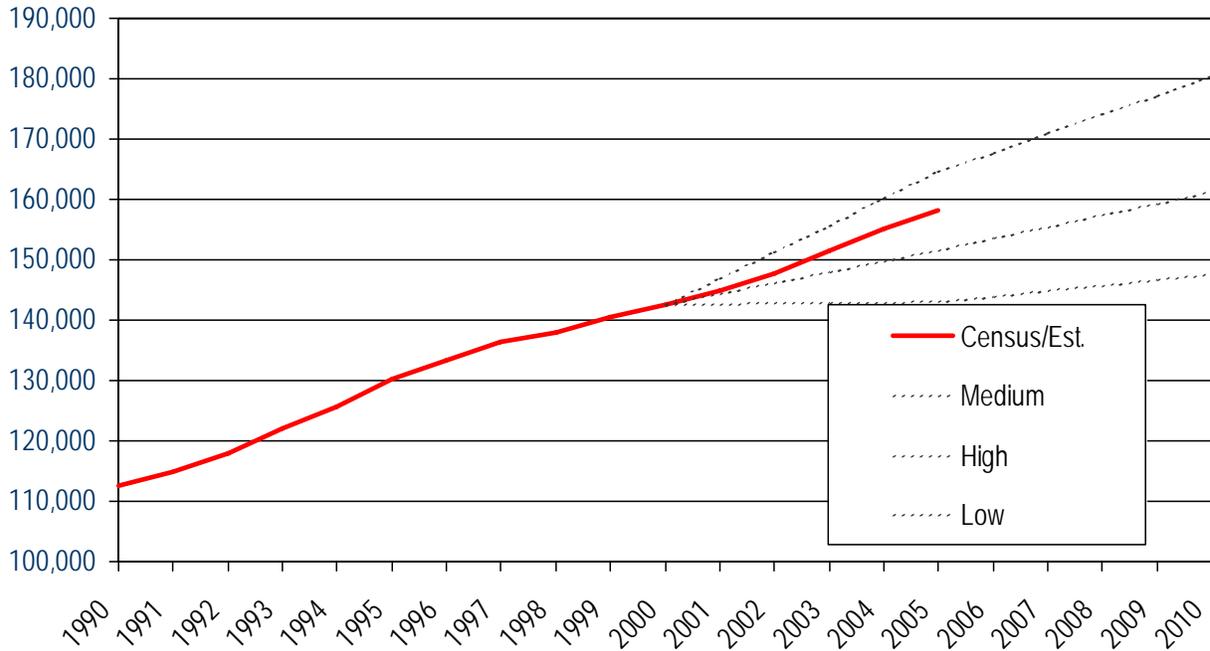


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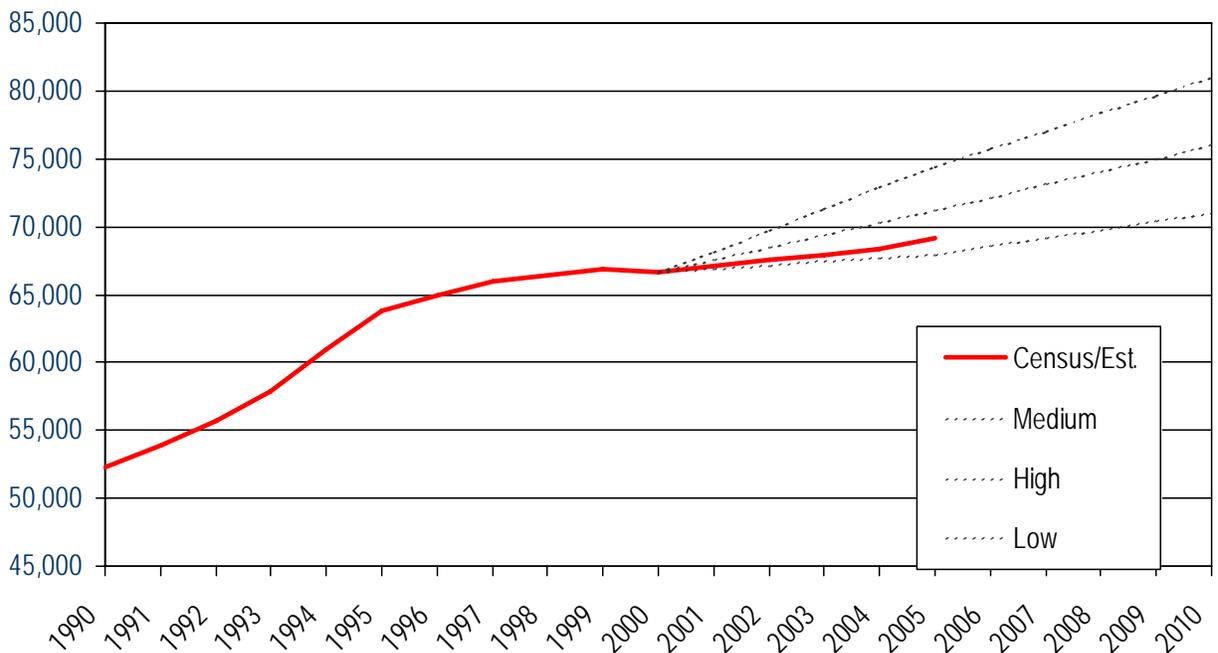


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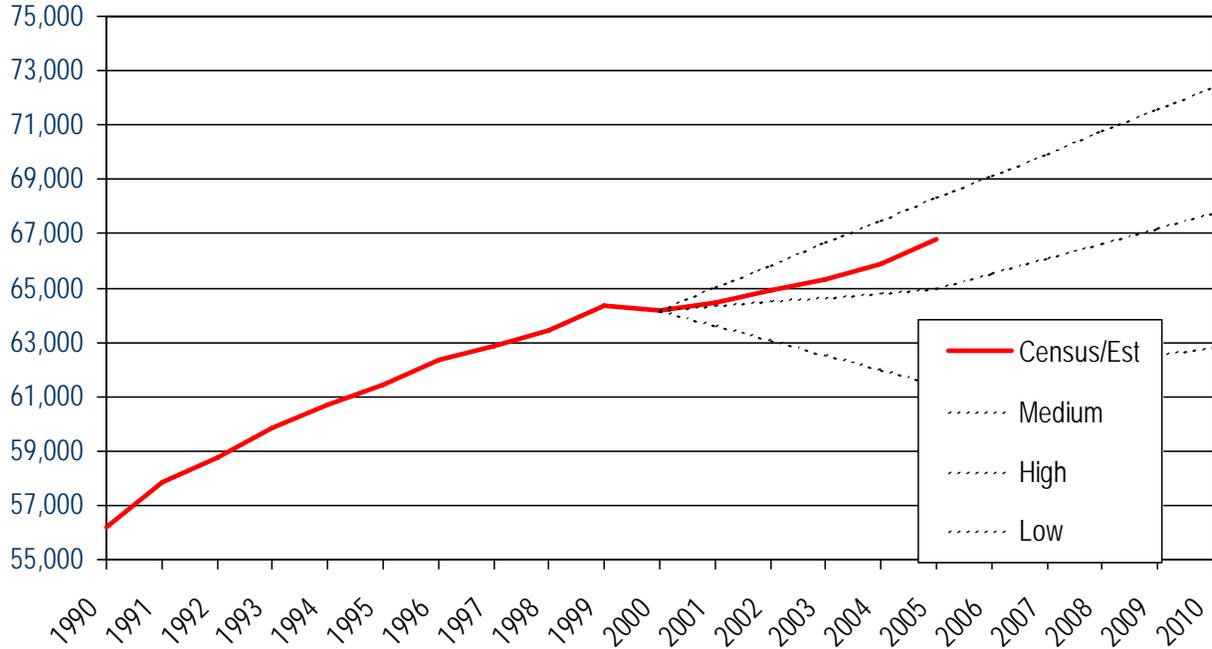


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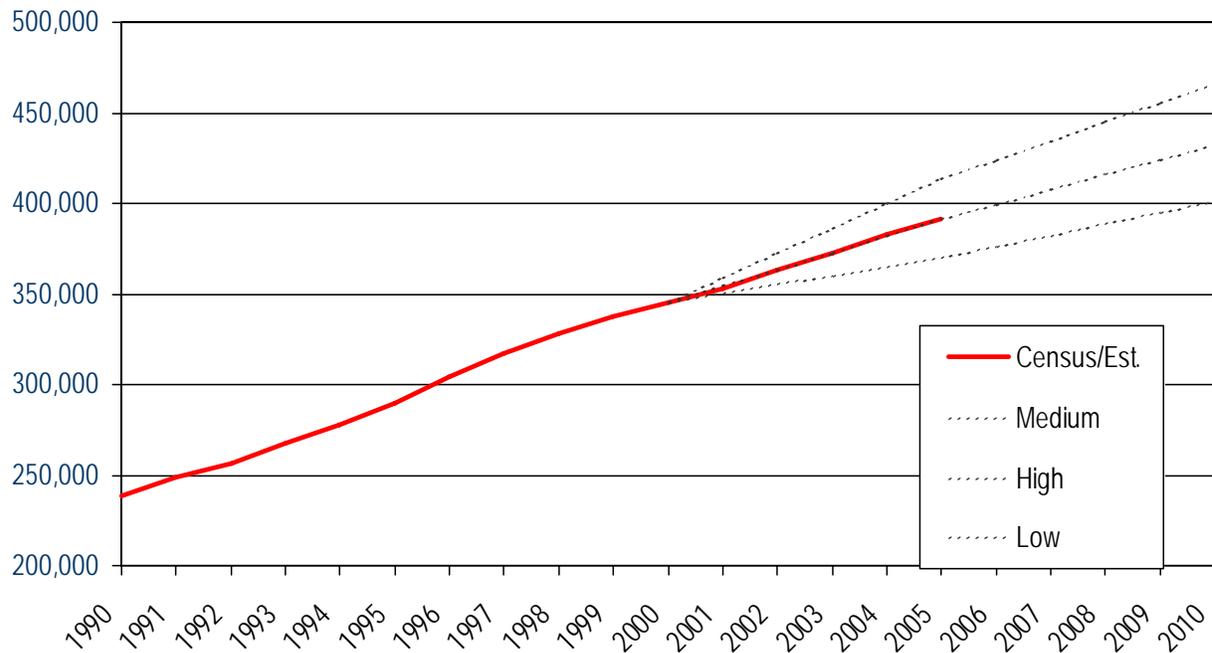


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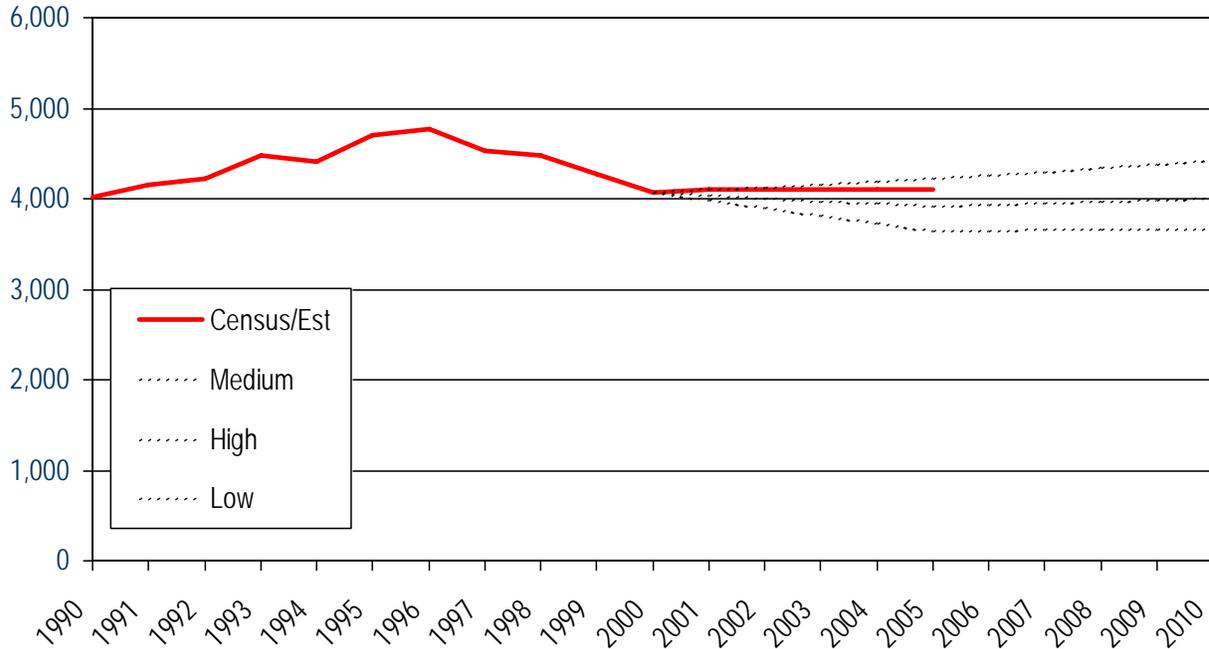


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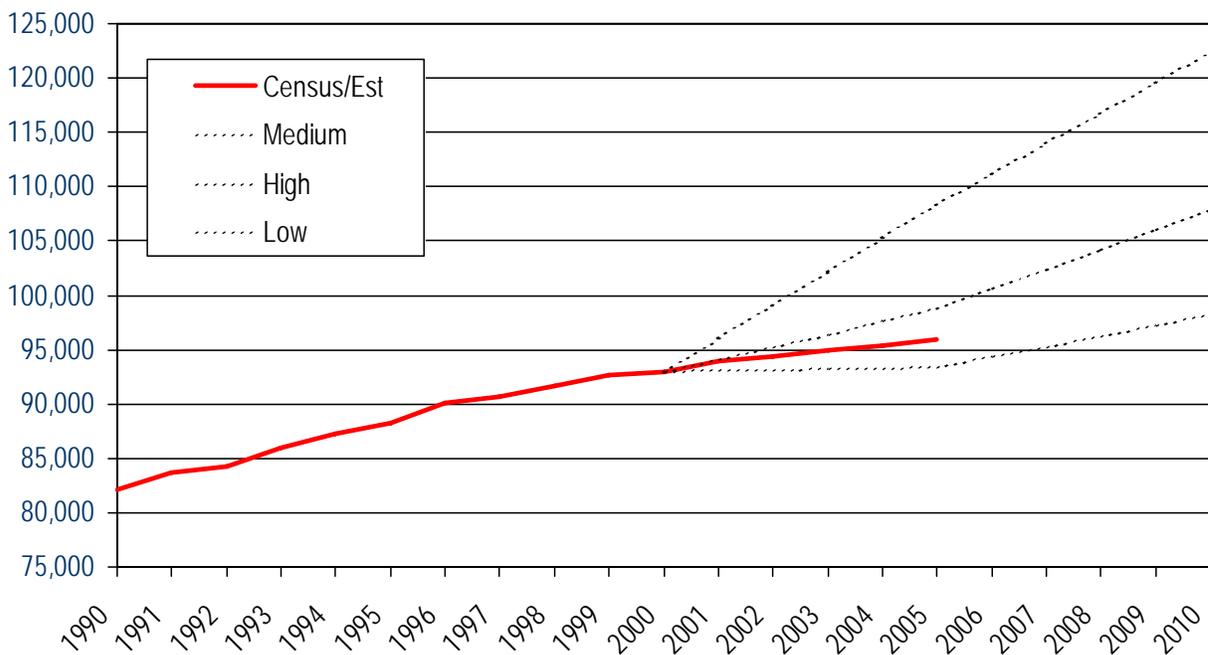


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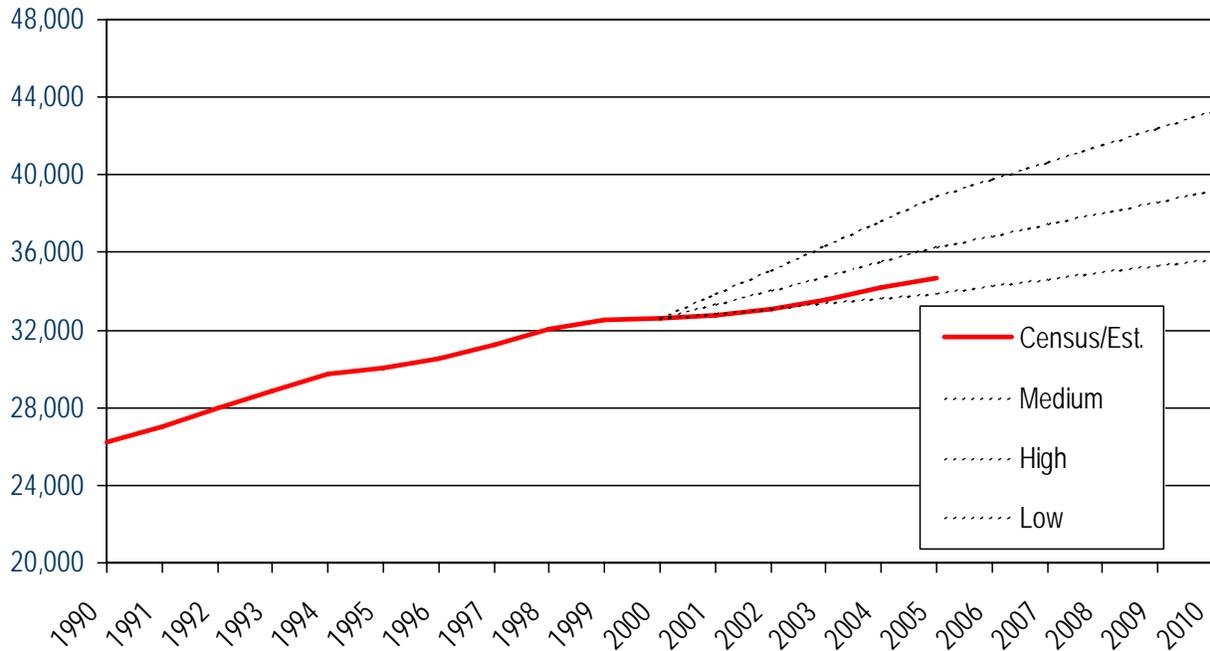


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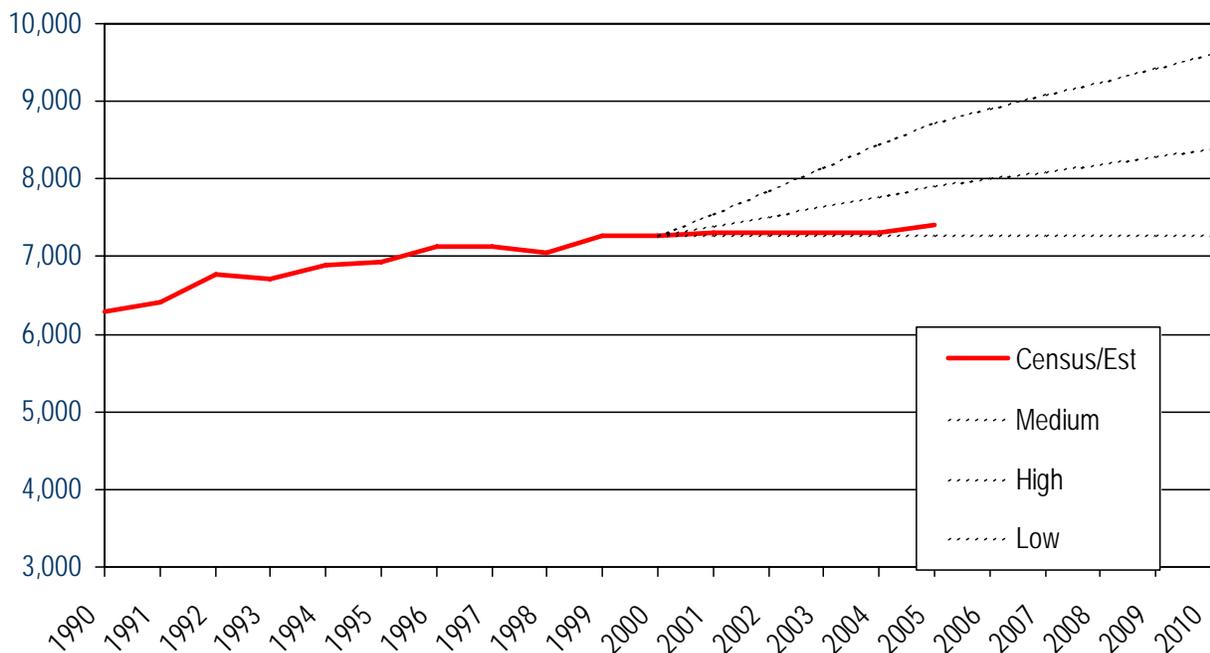


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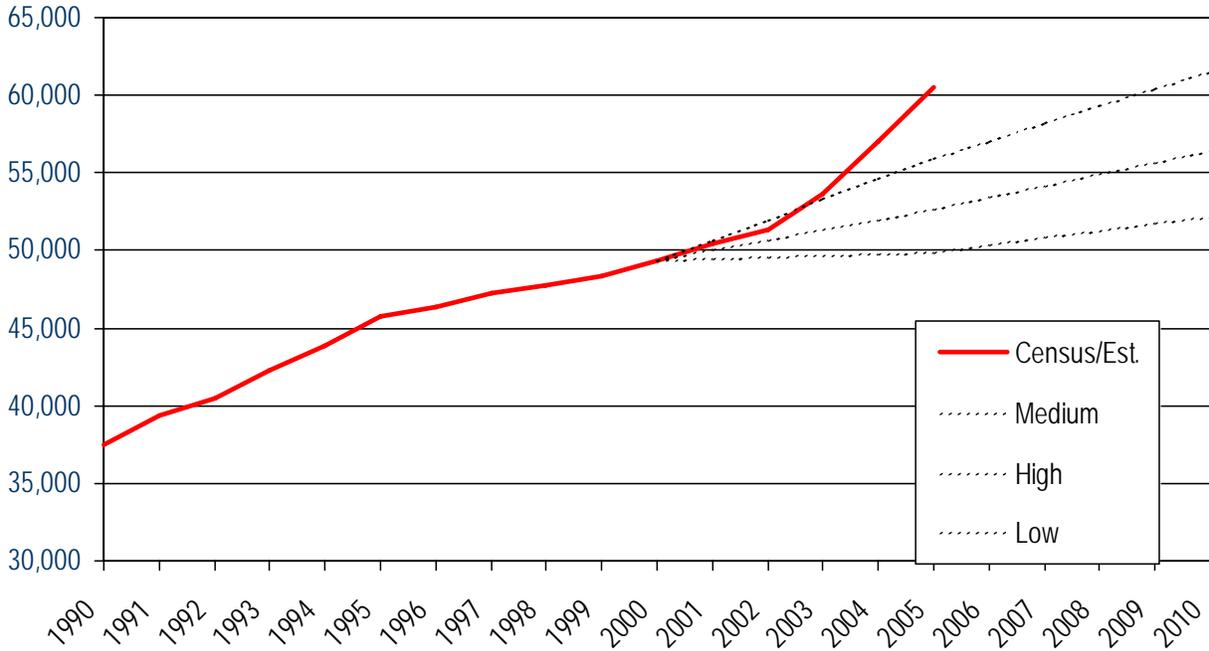


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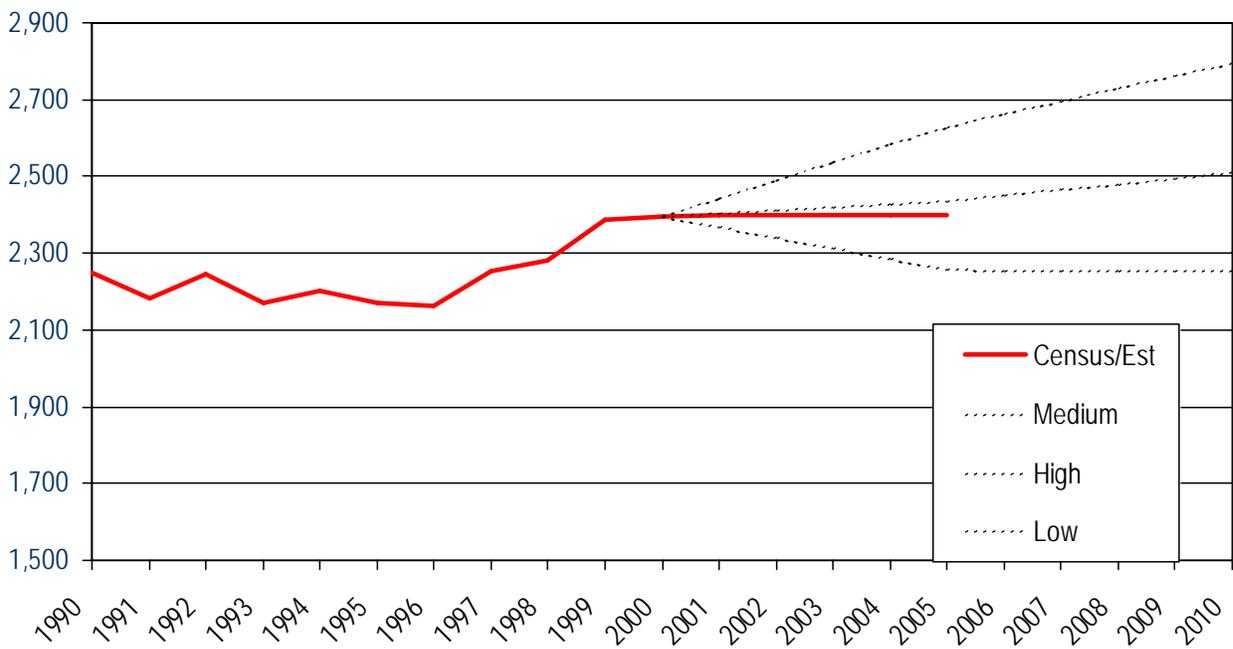


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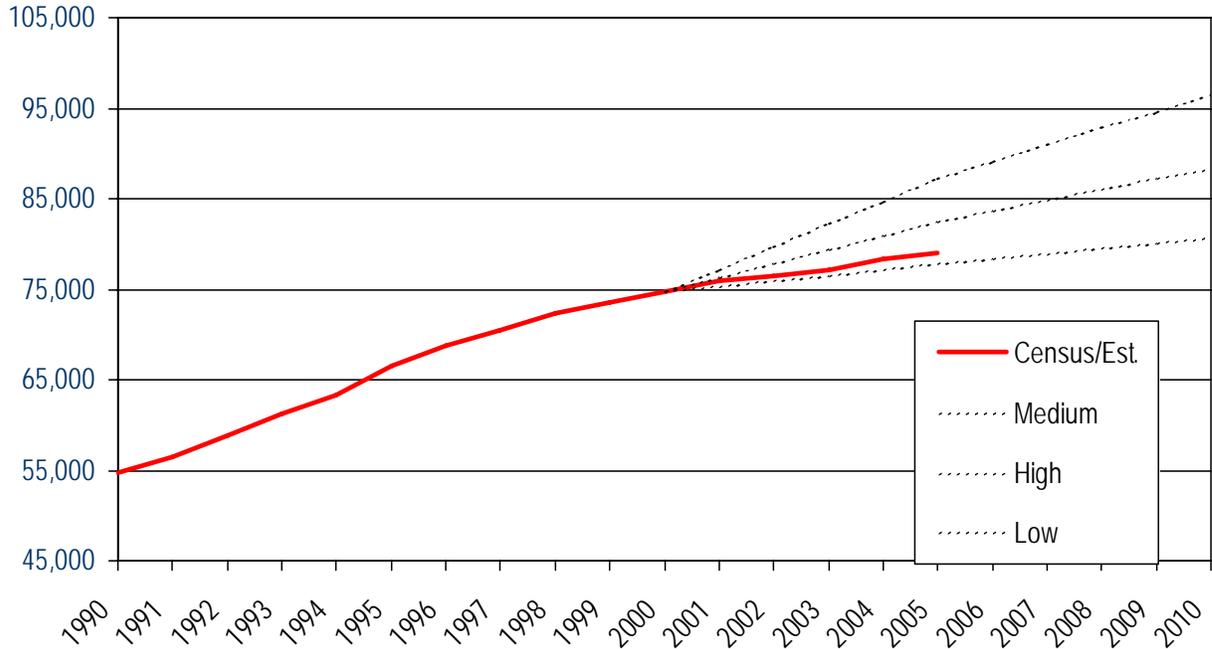


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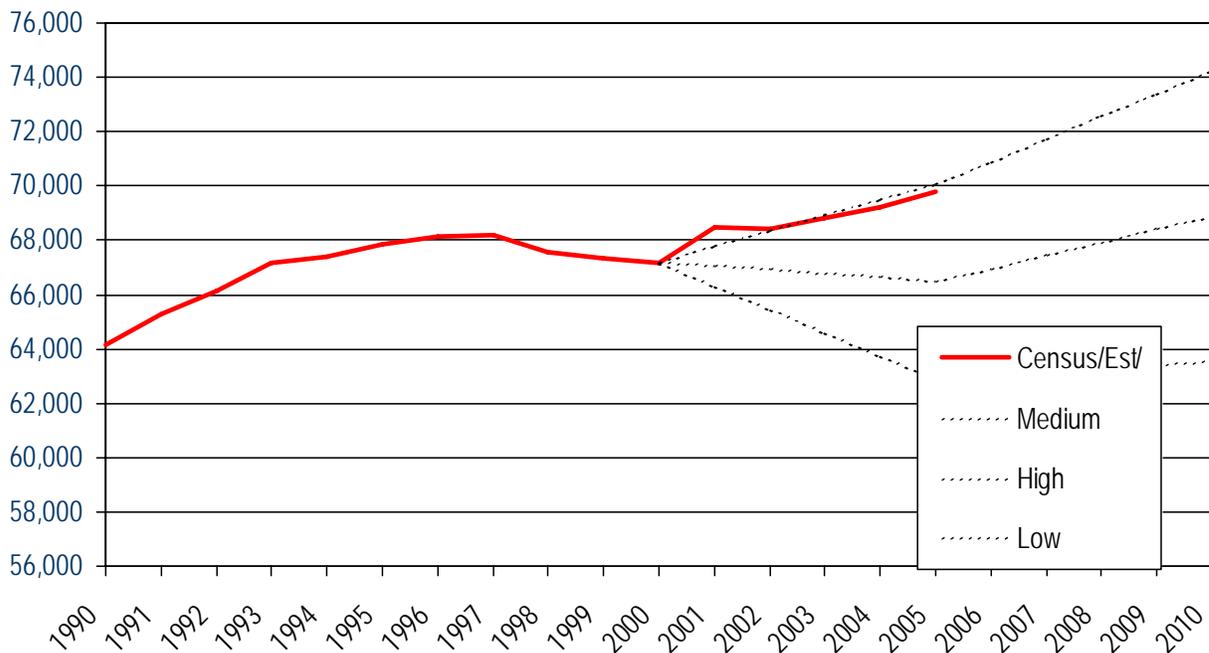


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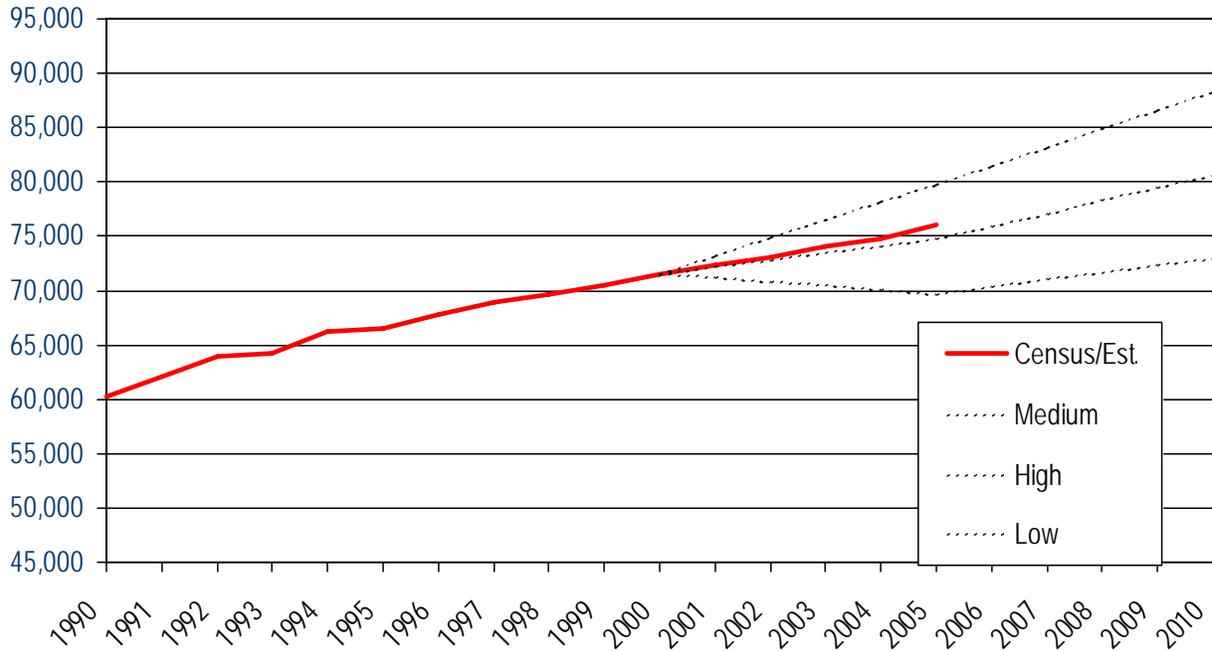


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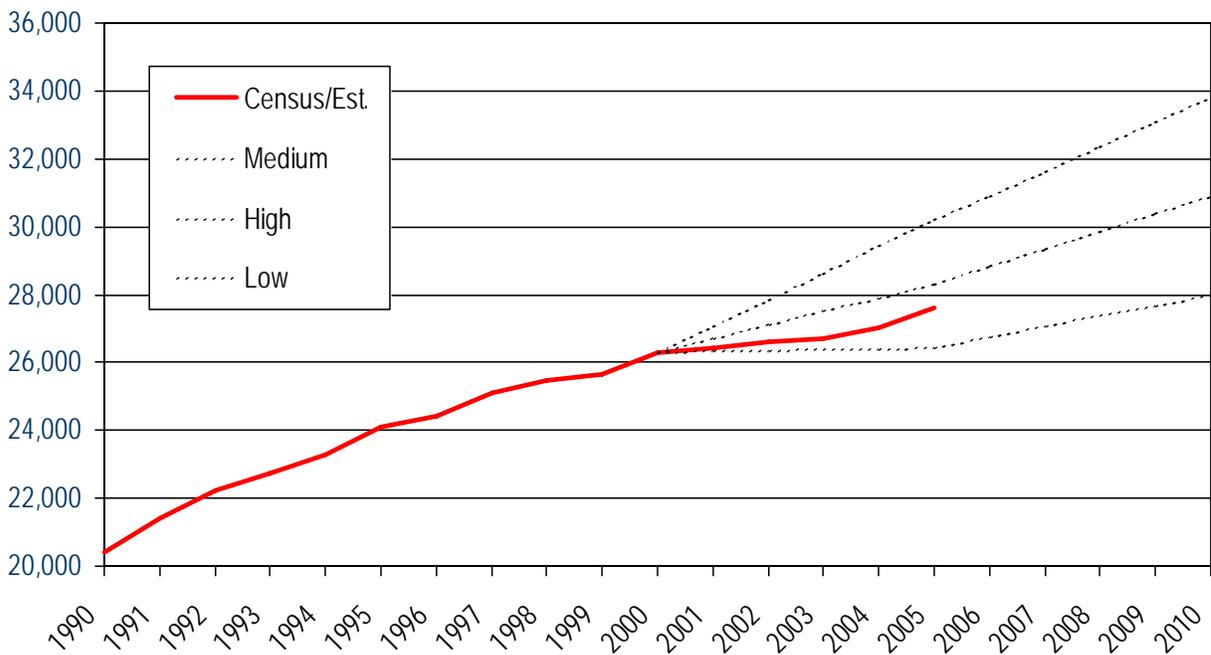


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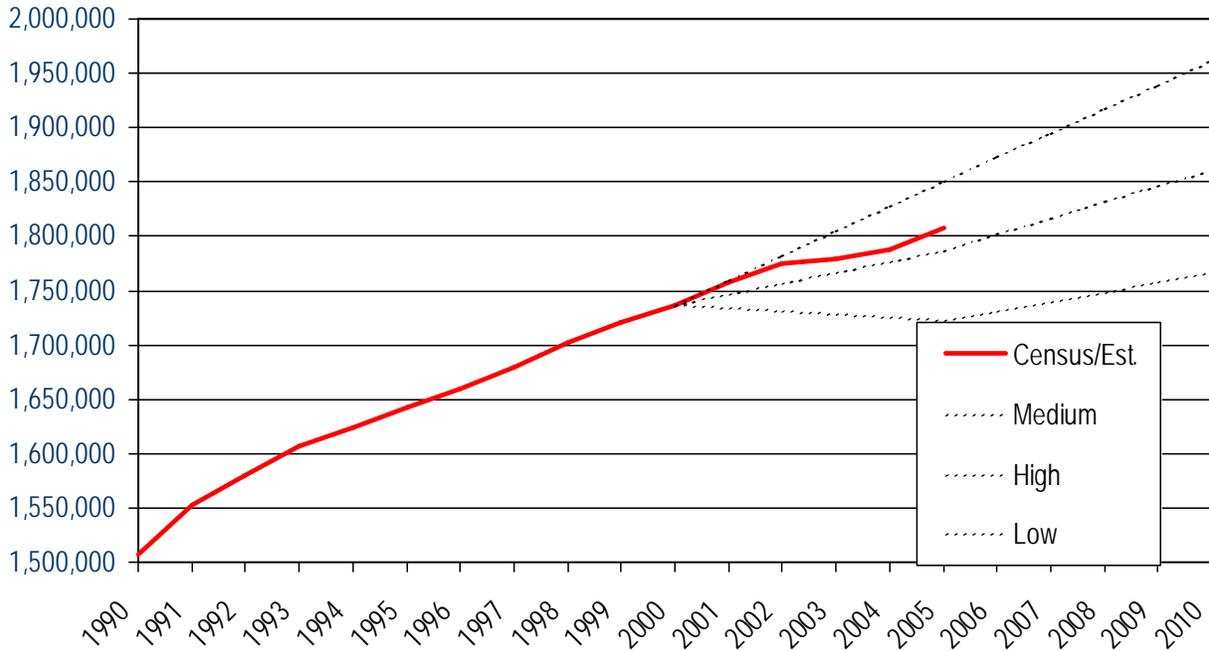


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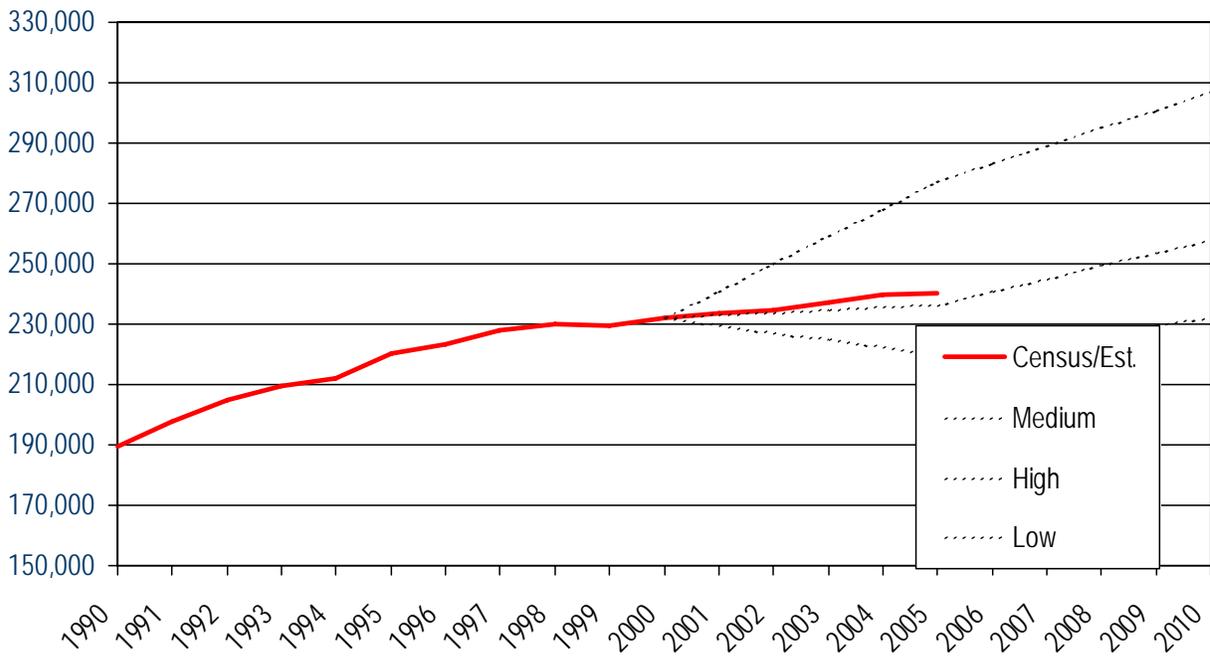


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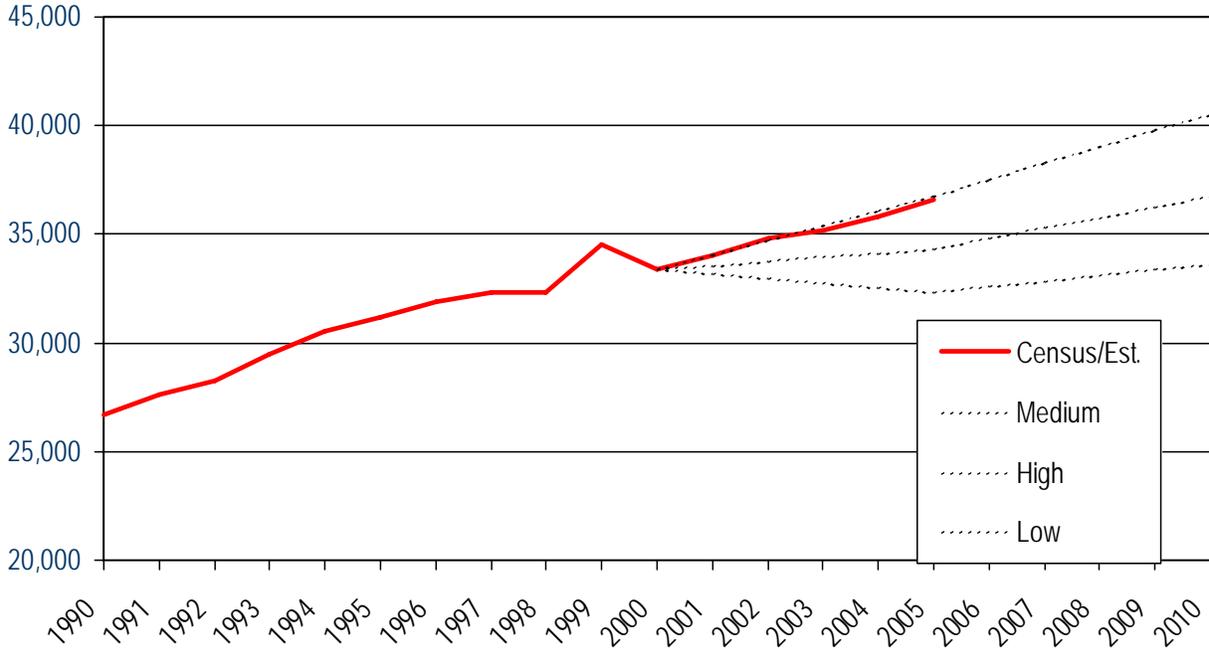


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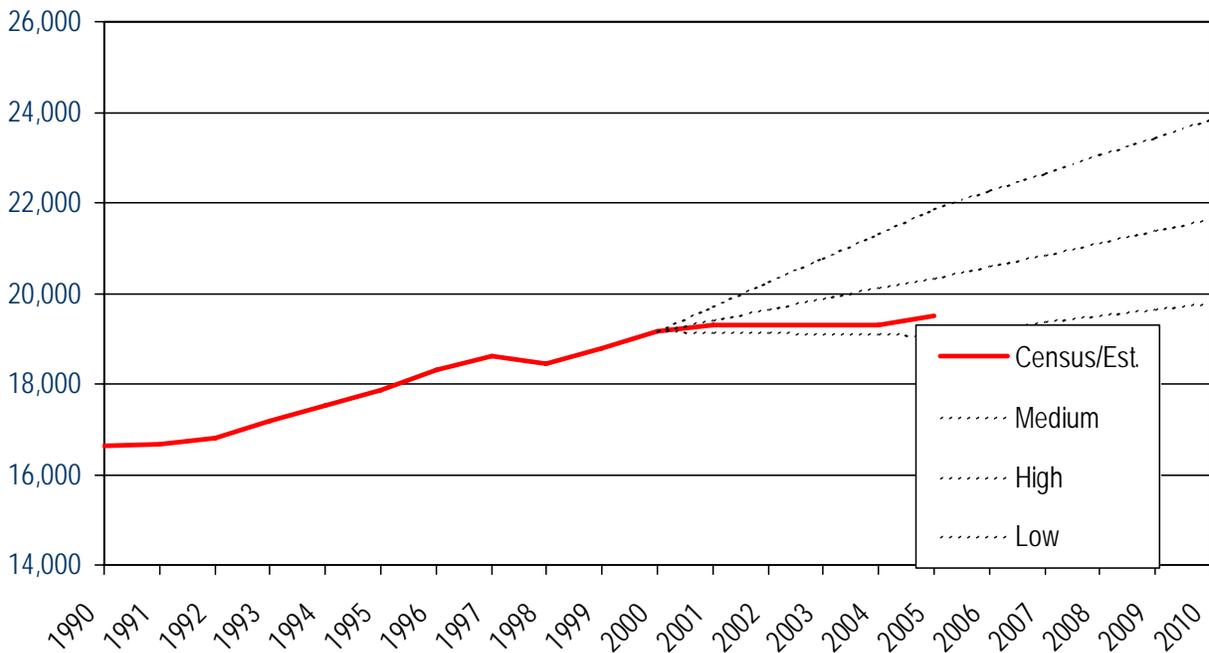


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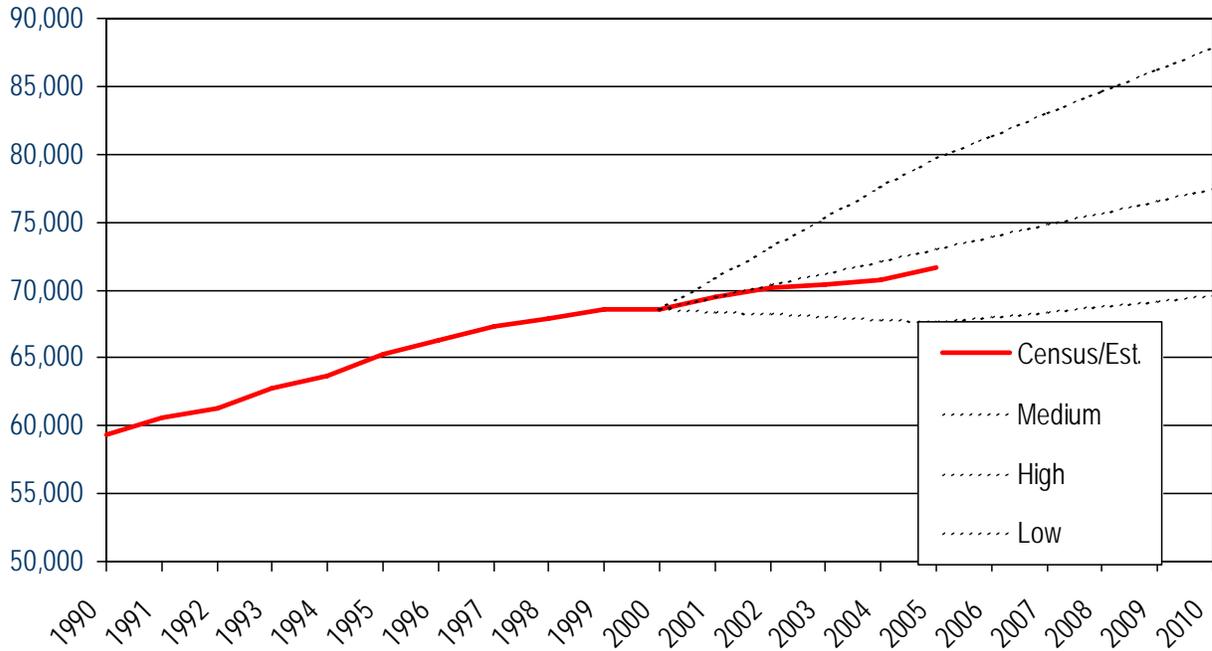


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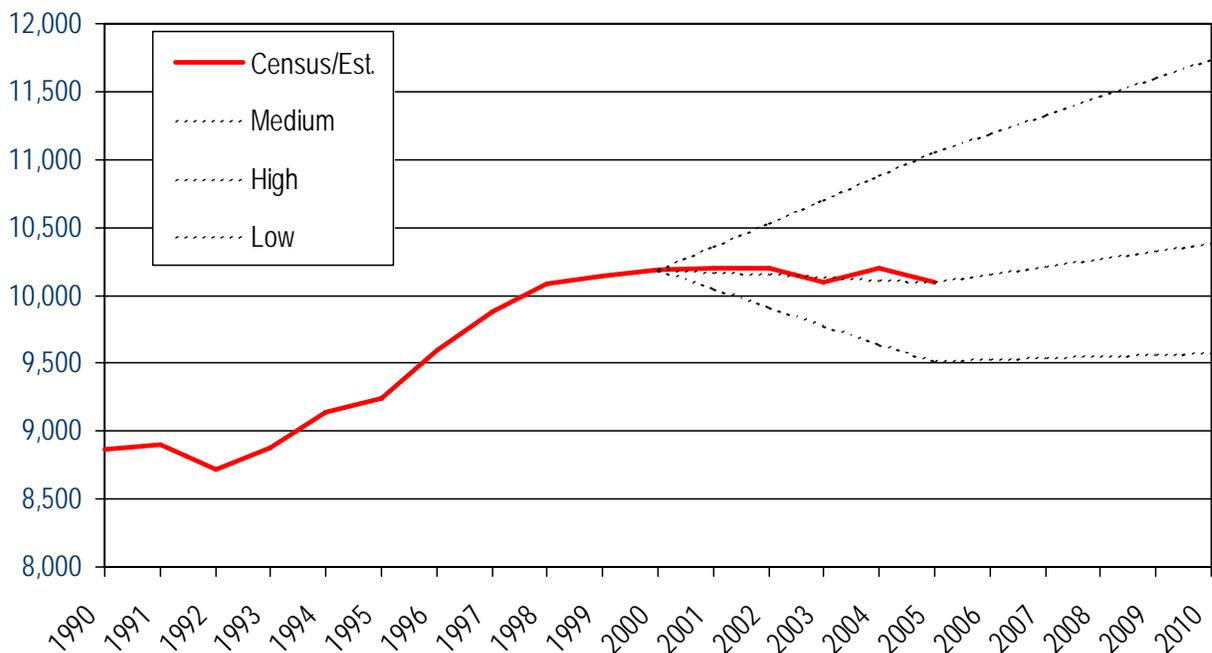


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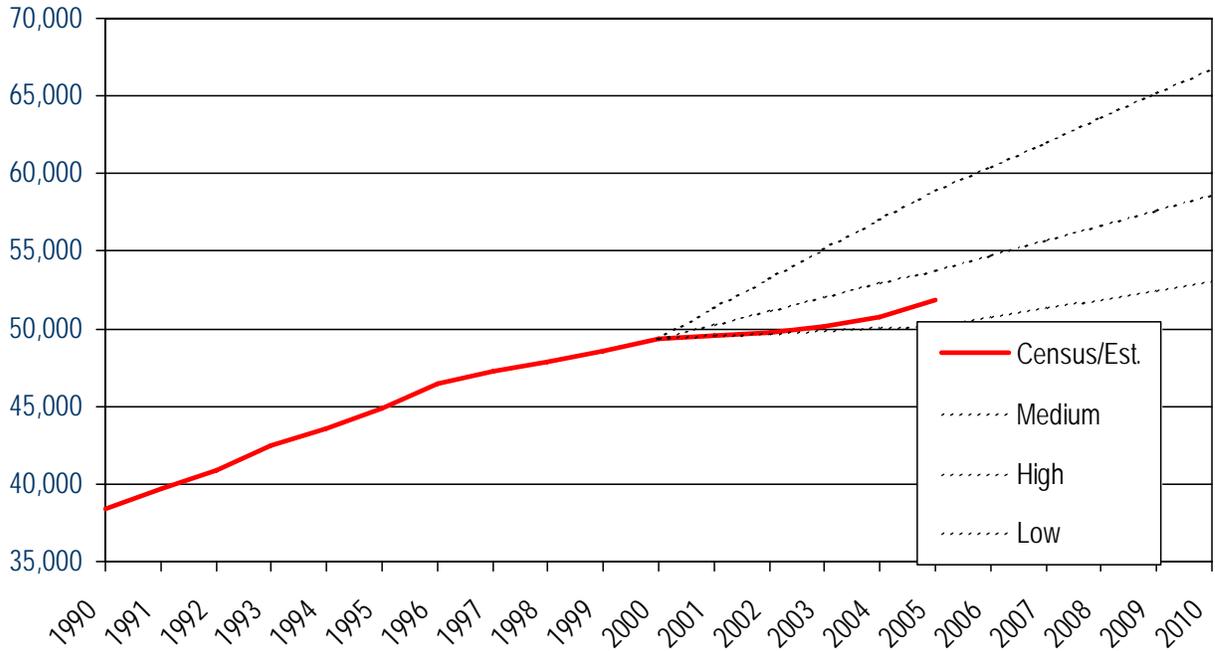


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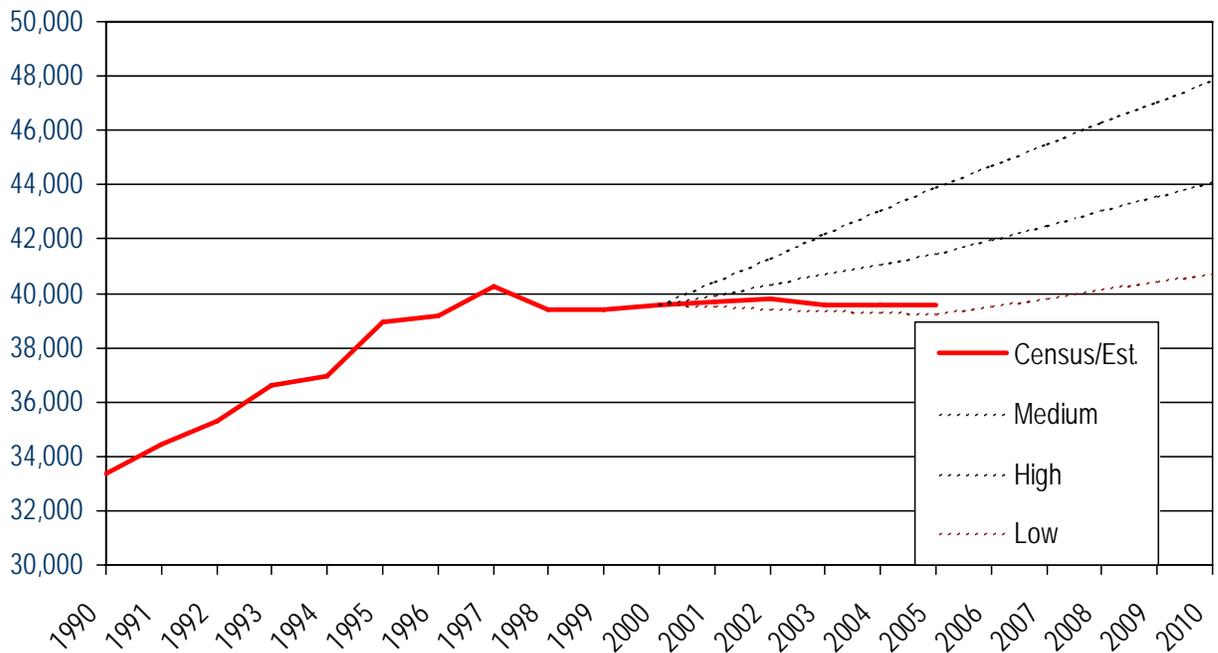


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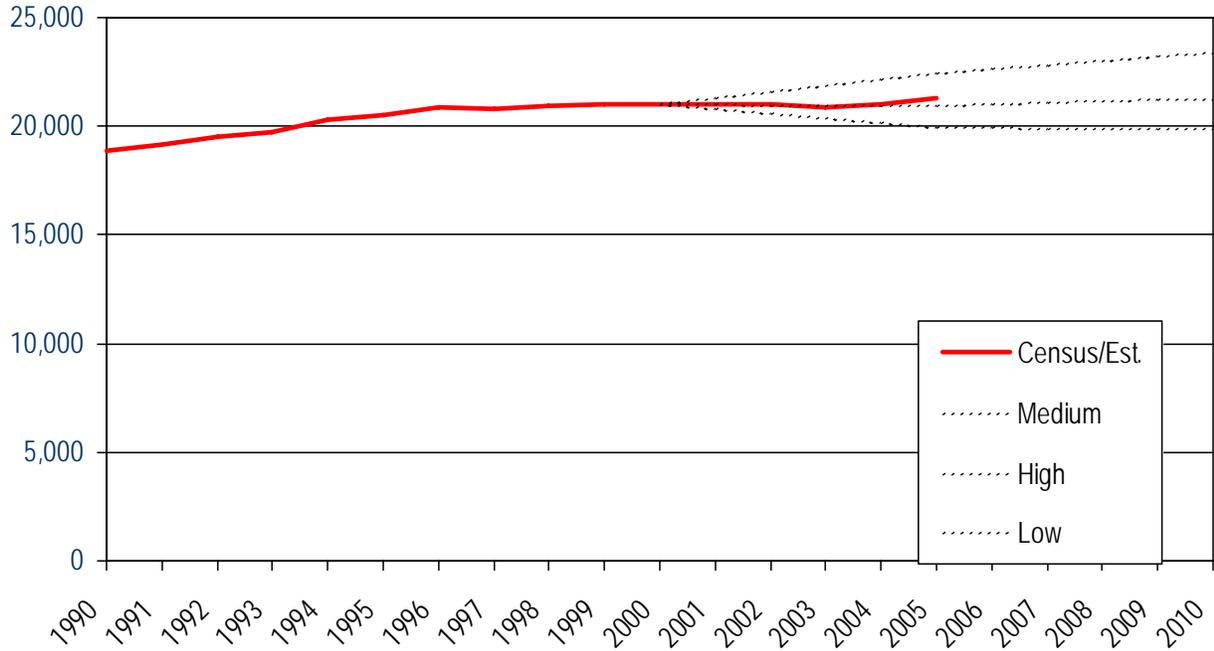


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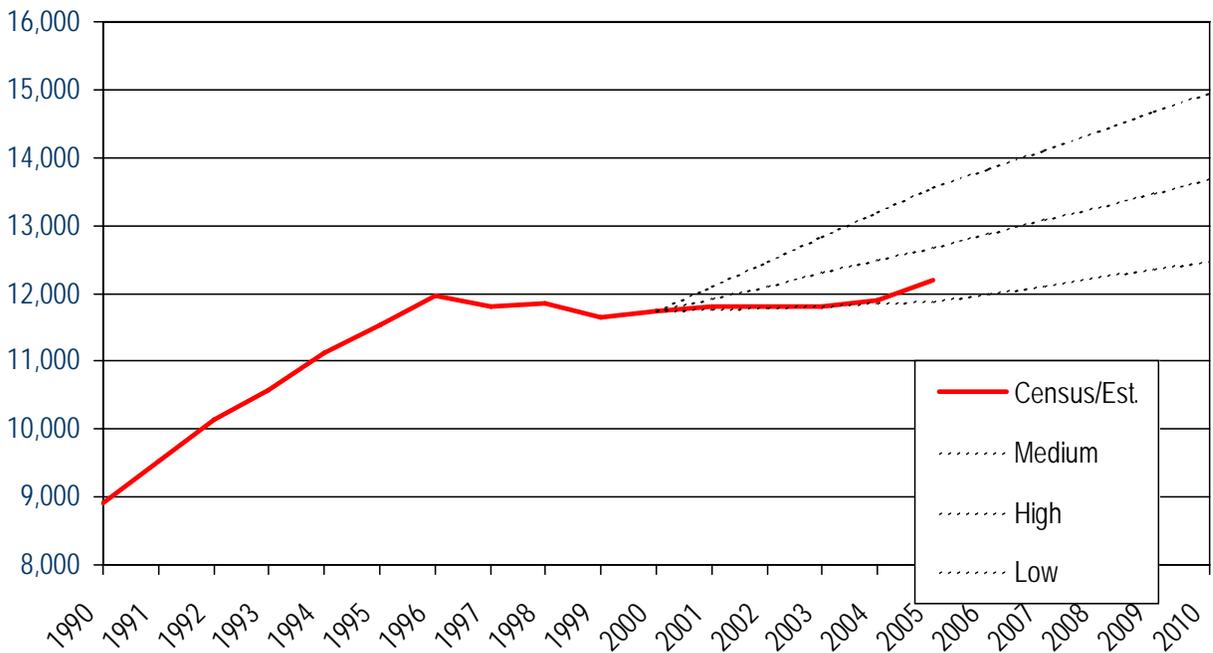


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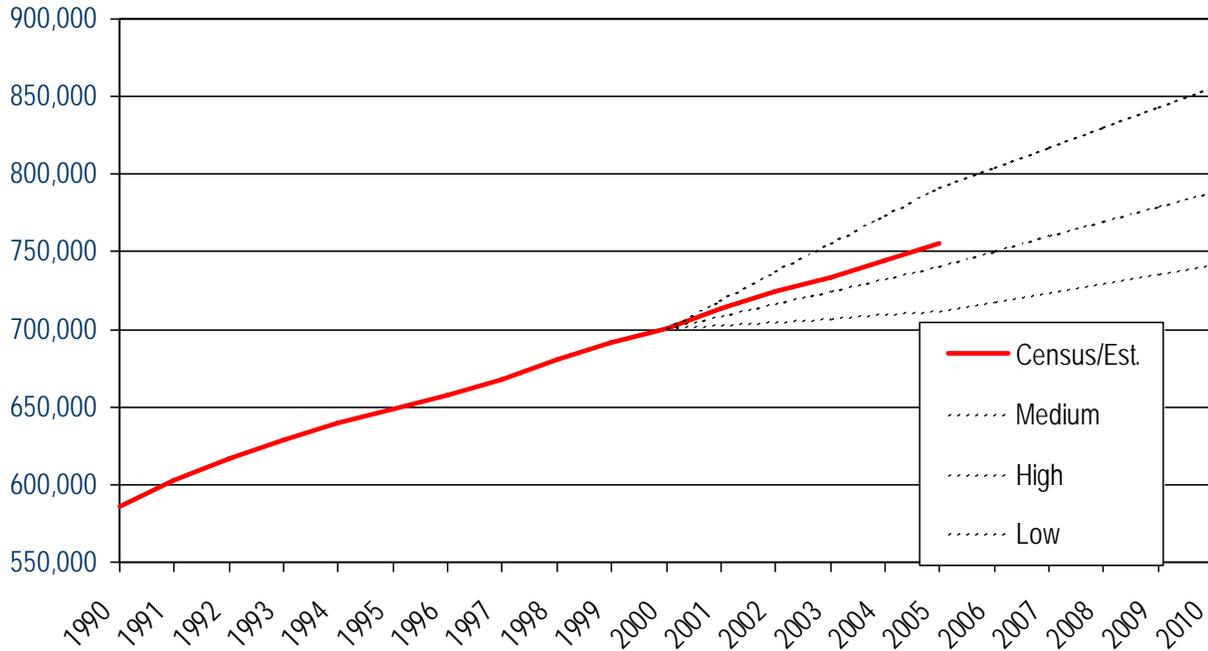


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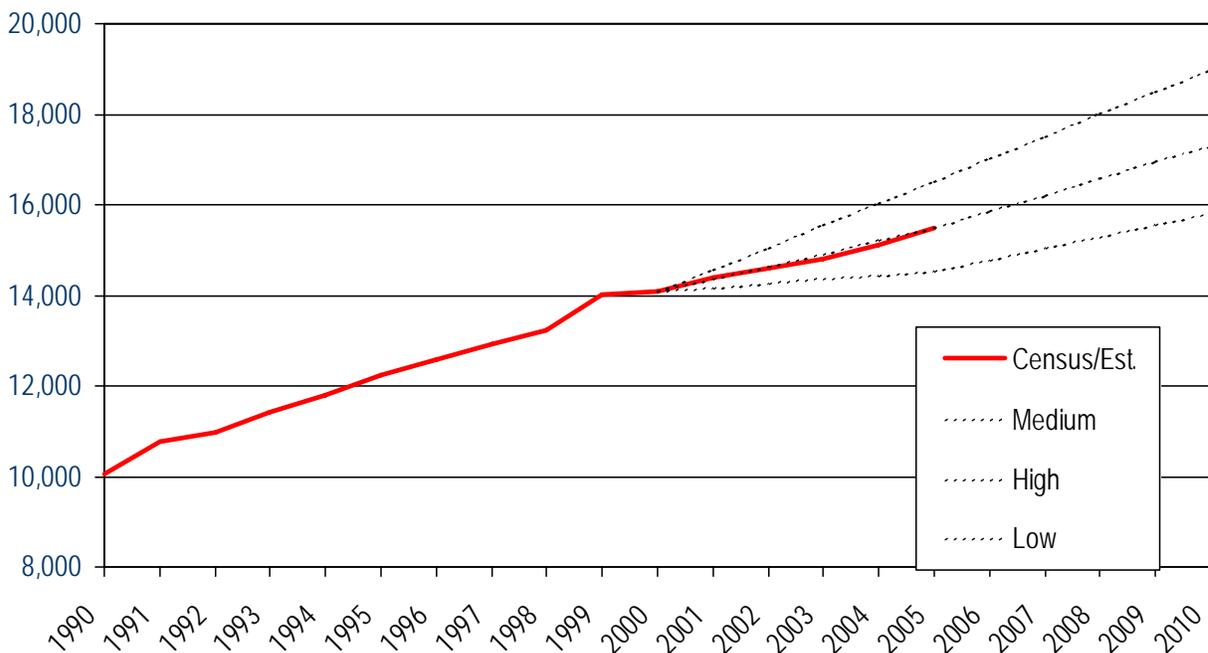


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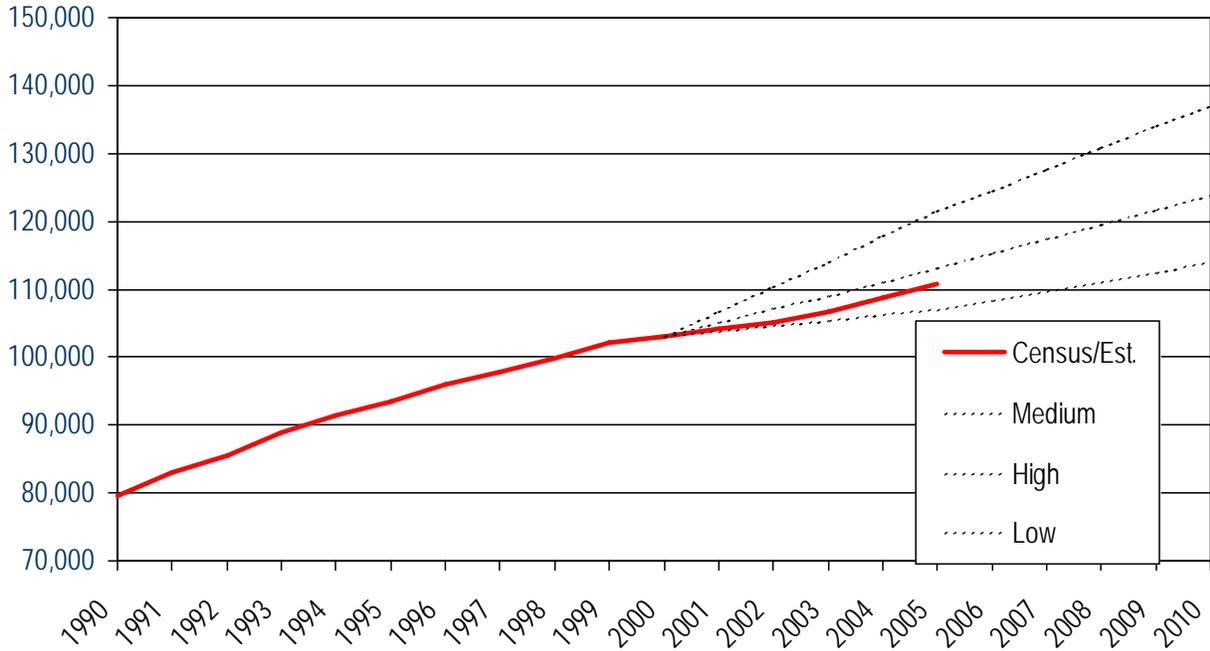


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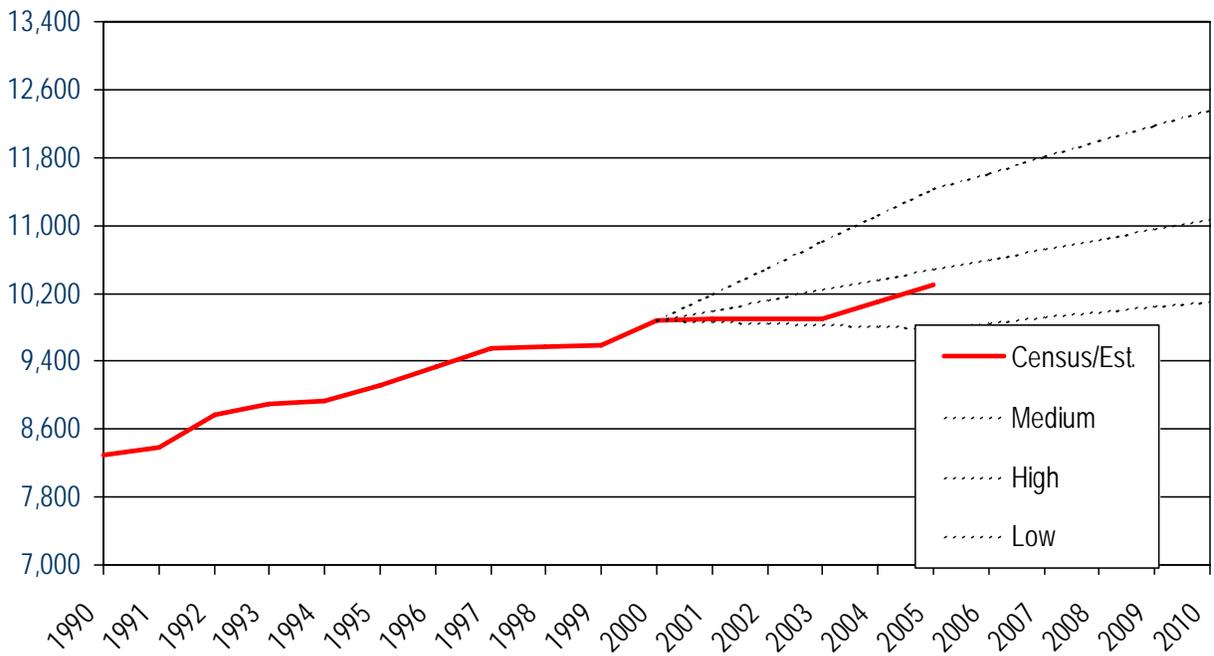


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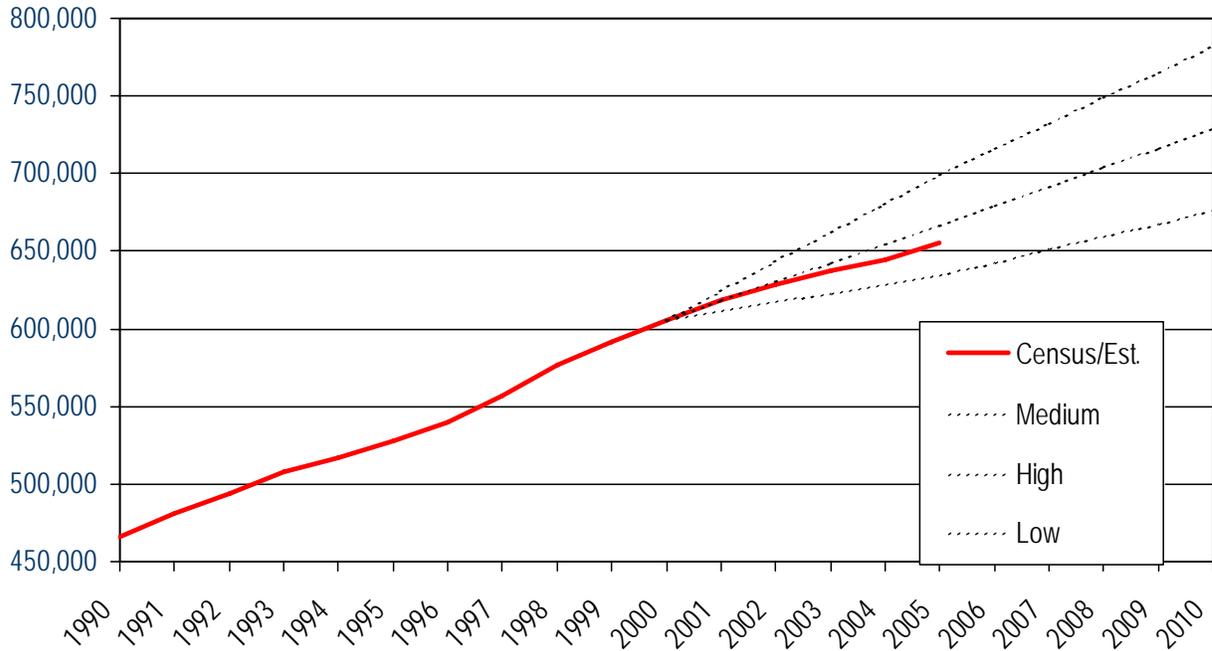


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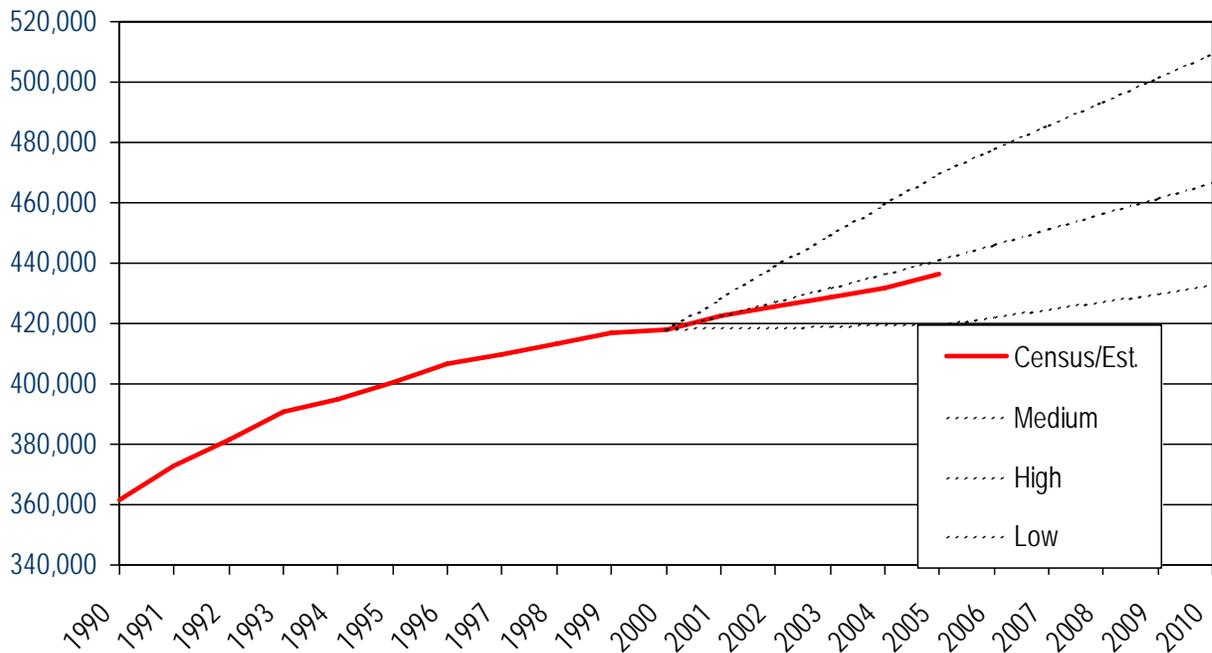


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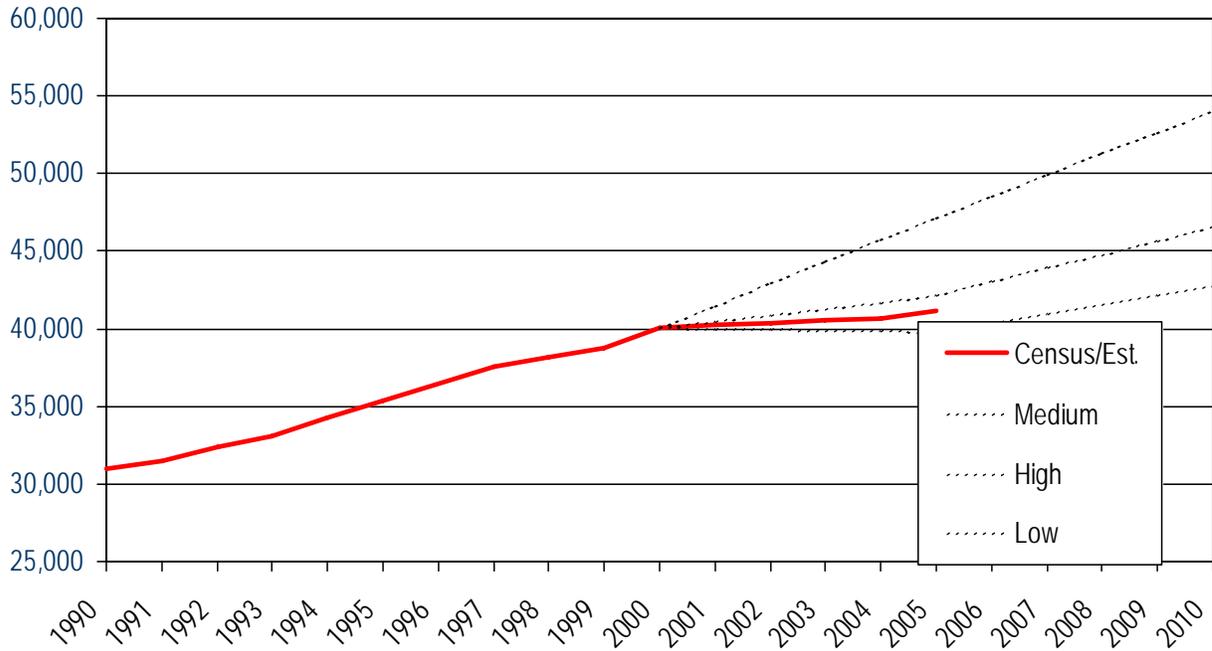


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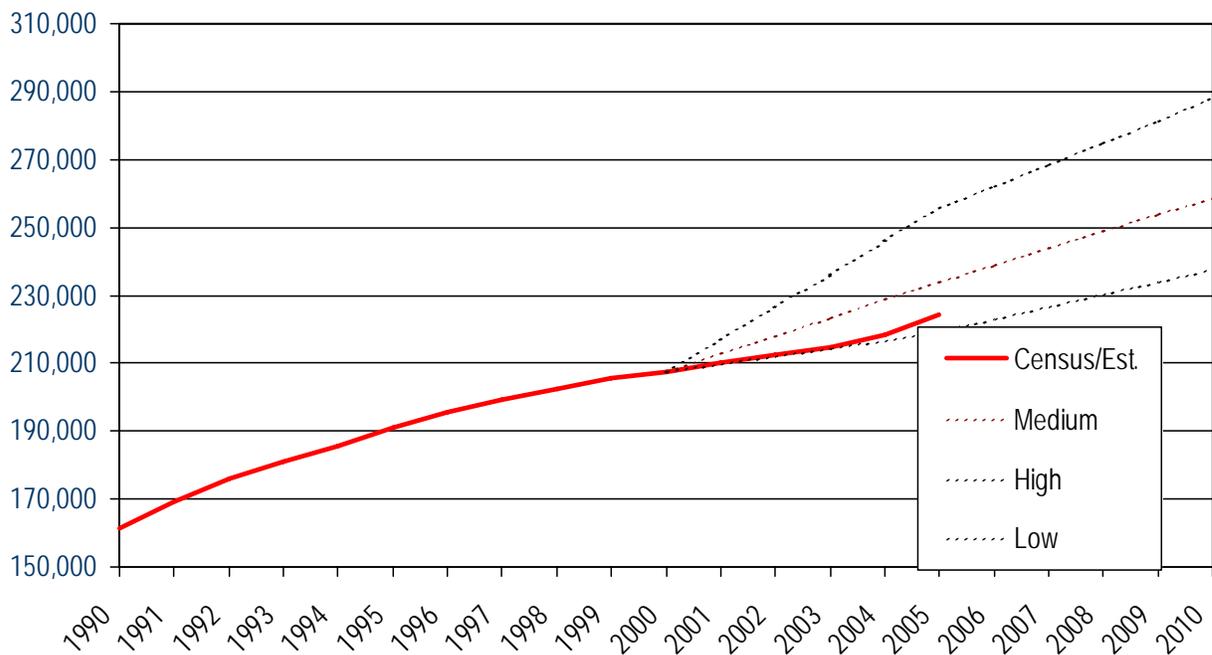


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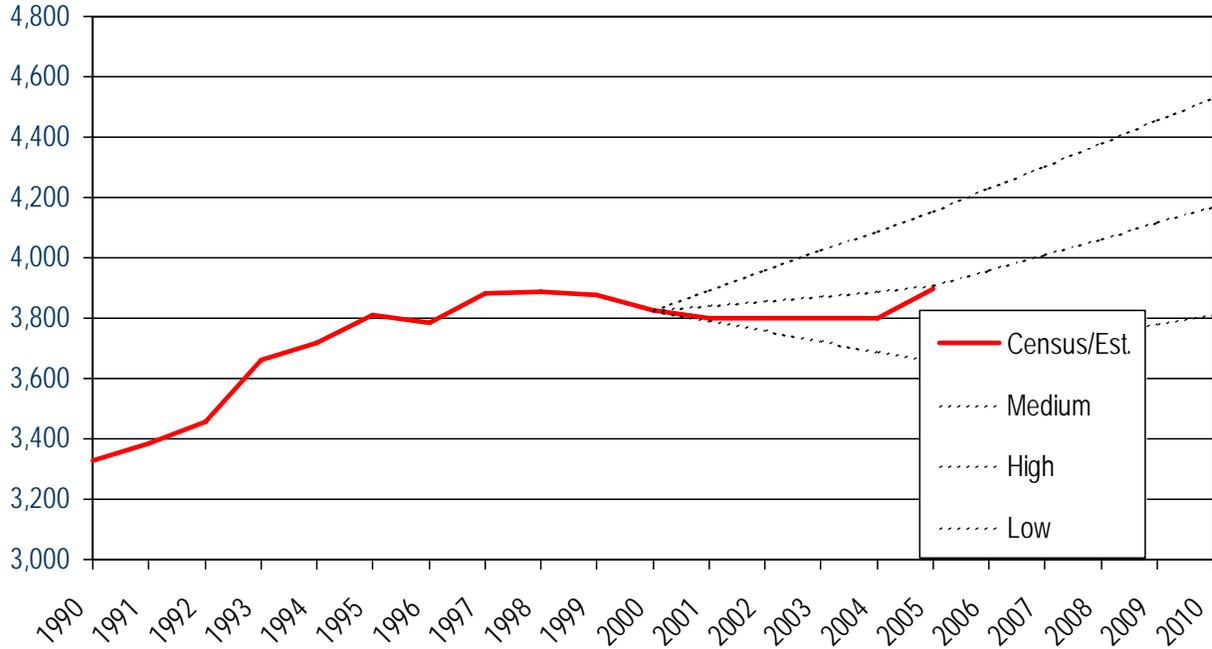


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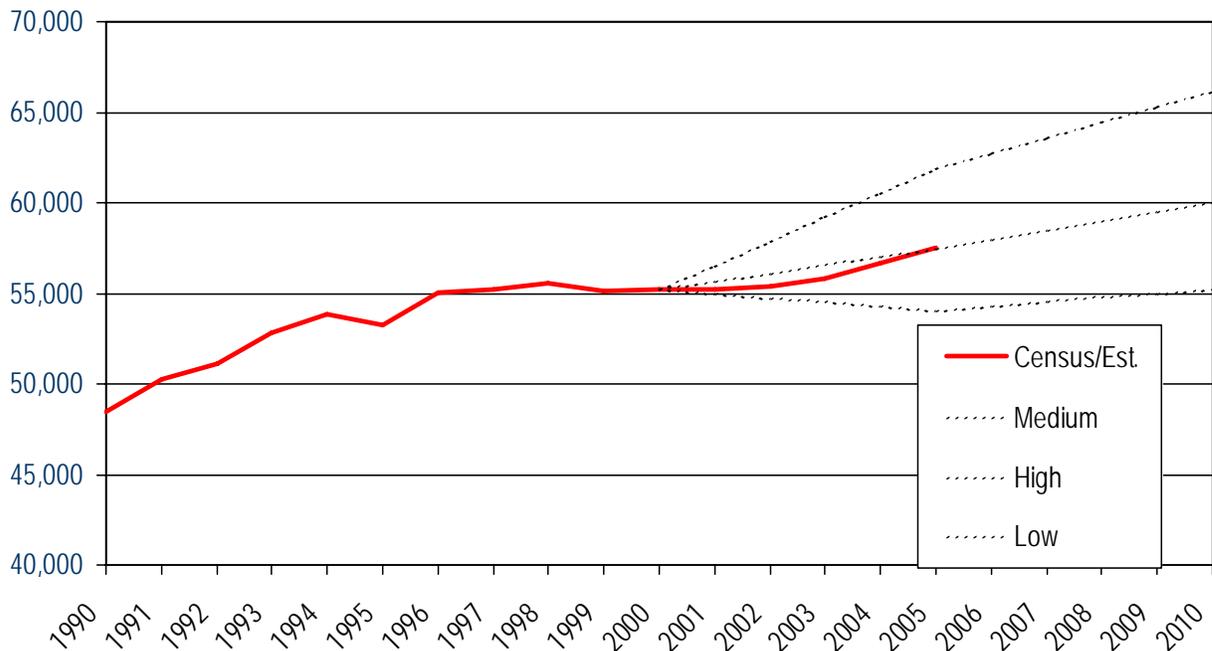


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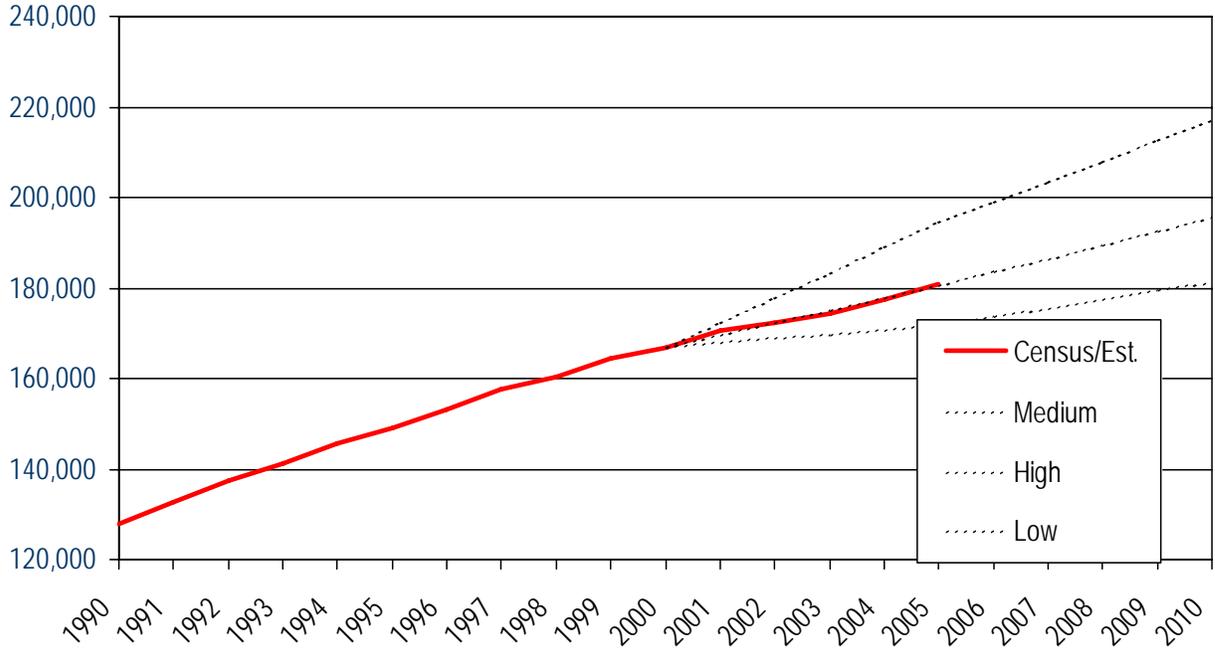


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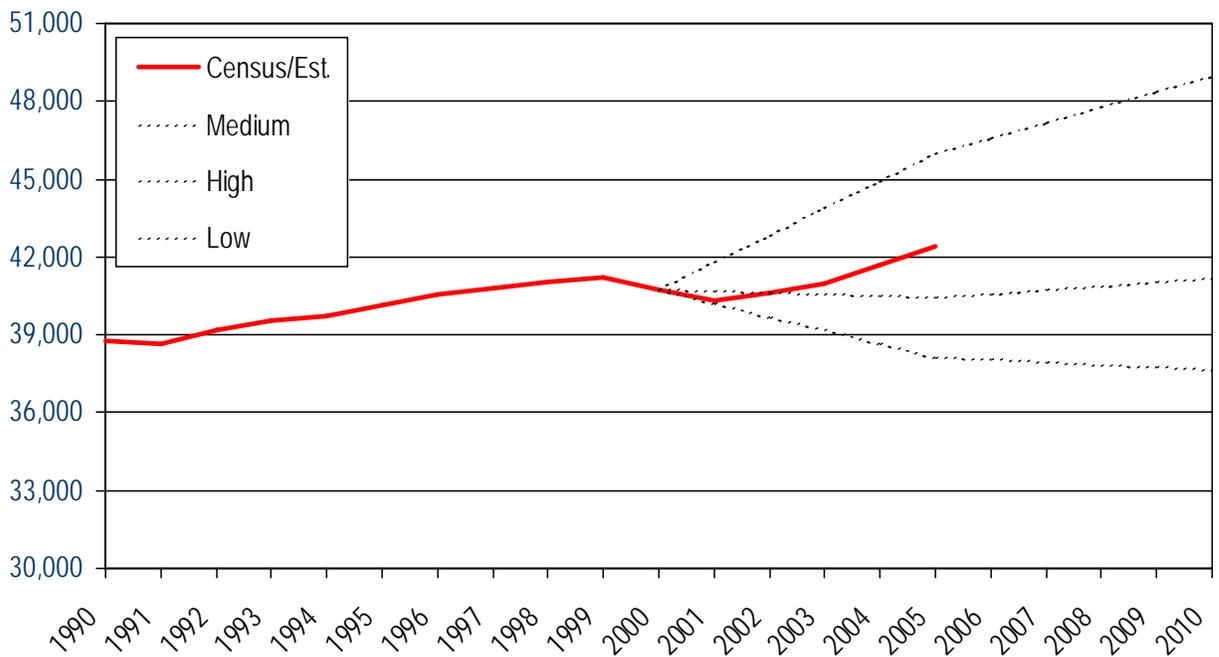


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